

Thurston County Comprehensive Plan Update

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING

JUNE 22, 2016

Today's Briefing

- Looking for Board direction on:
 1. Scope of update
 2. Approach to public outreach
- Background
- Scope of Work
- Required & Optional Updates
- Budget and Timeline
- Next Steps



Background

Thurston County plans under the Growth Management Act guided by the following goals:

1. Concentrate urban growth
2. Reduce sprawl
3. Transportation
4. Affordable housing
5. Economic development
6. Property rights
7. Predictable permitting
8. Natural resource industries
9. Open space and recreation
10. Environmental protection
11. Citizen participation and coordination
12. Public facilities and services
13. Historic preservation
14. Shoreline management

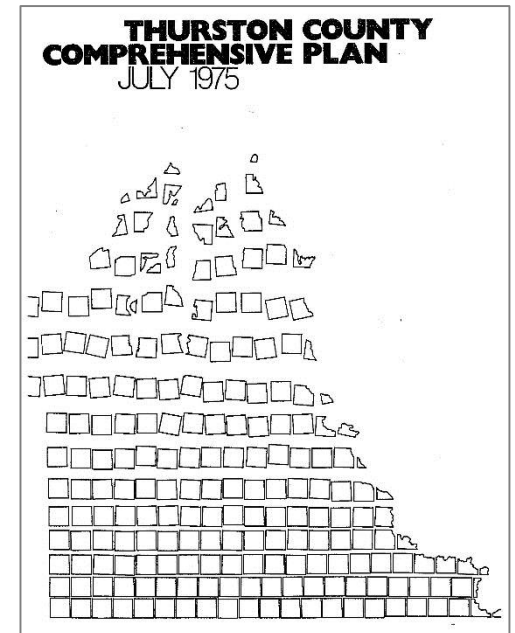
Background

County is required to conduct a periodic review

- Update population and employment forecast data
- Reflect changes in state law
- Incorporate other needed changes

Last Update: 2005

Update Due: June 2016



Background

Thurston County Comprehensive Plan Chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Land Use
3. Natural Resource Lands
4. Housing
5. Transportation
6. Capital Facilities
7. Utilities
8. Economic Development
9. Archeological and Historic Resources
10. Health and Human Health
11. Amendments

Scope of Work

Required Updates

- Population projections and data
- Goals, policies, and objectives throughout
- Policies and zoning adjacent to JBLM
- Map of designated mineral lands
- Accessory dwelling units
- Transportation chapter*
- Variety of rural densities
- Joint Plans
- Subarea Plans

Buildable Lands Report 2014

For Thurston County



Grand Mound Area (2006 and 2012 Aerial Photo)

FINAL
Thurston Regional Planning Council
March 2014



Scope of Work

Optional Review

- Update Economic Development chapter
- Update Health chapter
- Update designations for Long Term Forestry
- Update designations for Long Term Agriculture
- Add Institutional zone
- Substantial updates to subarea plans
- Other



Scope of Work

Public Participation

- GMA requires “early and continuous” public participation
- Level of outreach effort = level of update



Options and Budget

Option #1: Targeted Update

- Minimal update targeted to required tasks
- Budget: ~\$450,000/year → same as currently allocated
- Timeline for completion: early 2018



Options and Budget

Option #2: Targeted+ Update

- Required and optional tasks
- Budget: ~\$650,000-800,000/year
- Timeline for completion: late 2018



Options and Budget

Option #3: Broad Update

- Complete re-visioning and rewrite of plan
- Budget: ~\$1.2 – 1.5 million/year
- Timeline for completion: 2020



Next Steps

Based on Board Feedback

- Revised Scope of Work
- Public Participation Plan
- Budget request for 2017/2018
- Review by Planning Commission
- Scope approved by Board at regular meeting

Questions?

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